BILL: **S2017 – SB13**

TITLE: **Bylaws Reform**

SPONSOR: **Karina Toy, President**

DATE: **April 9, 2017**

Whereas several clauses in the SGA Bylaws can be long and repetitive,

Whereas President Toy has found a better alternative for a few clauses, committees, and cabinet positions,

Whereas some of these positions and clauses are out of date,

Whereas consistency in language and practice is important,

Therefore, let the following be enacted…

That, in **Section II The Presidential Cabinet** the following statement be added: "Once elected, the President must send out an all-student email informing students of the Cabinet positions available and asking for nominations."

That, **Section II (G) Director of Academic Affairs** be renamed **Director of Educational Affairs,** this change will take place throughout the Bylaws.

That, **Section II (H) Director of Institutional Affairs** shall read as follows: "The Director of Institutional Affairs oversees all services provided by the SGA including hiring and monitoring all SGA paid student positions. The Director also works with various College offices, students, and fellow members of the SGA to facilitate infrastructural and programmatic improvements.

That, **Section II (J) Director of External Affairs** shall read as follows: "The Director of External Affairs serves as the official liaison between the SGA and Town of Middlebury and will attend town meetings as the President deems necessary including the Better Middlebury Partnership, Select Board Meeting, and the Chamber of Commerce. The Director also maintains consistent communication with student governments at other institutions and will oversee planning a regional student government conference if necessary.

That, **Section II (M) Director of Transportation** be removed in favor of a paid position hired by the Director of Institutional Affairs.

That, **Section II (N) Director of Technology** be removed in favor of a paid position hired by the Director of Institutional Affairs.

That, **Section II (O) Director of Student Health and Wellness** read as follows: "The Director of Student Health and Wellness chairs the Student Health and Wellness Committee and serves as a liaison between the SGA and the Student Wellness Leaders as well as a liaison between the SGA and the Office of Health and Wellness. The Director of Student Health and Wellness oversees SGA activity relating to the physical and mental health and well-being of the student body.

That, **Section II (Q) Director of Social Affairs** read as follows: "The Director of Social Affairs chairs the Social Affairs Committee and is responsible for working with relevant College bodies

to improve social life on campus. The Director of Social Affairs also acts as a liaison between the Middlebury College Department of Public Safety and the SGA."

That, **Section II** positions will be listed in the following order:

- Chief of Staff
- Deputy Chief of Staff
- Director of Membership
- Treasurer
- Director of Student Organizations
- Director of Institutional Affairs
- Director of External Affairs
- Director of Publicity
- Director of Educational Affairs
- Director of Institutional Diversity
- Director of Student Health and Wellness
- Director of Sexual and Relationship Respect
- Director of Environmental Affairs
- Director of Athletic Affairs
- Director of Social Affairs

That, **Section II** be properly re-lettered and re-numbered

That, **Section III (A) (6) Honor Code Committee** be removed in favor of the joint honor code committee being created by the Judicial Affairs Office.

That, **Section III (A) Elections Council** include the following: "The Elections Council shall publish its policies online annually"

That, **Section III (B) (2) Finance Committee (b) Responsibilities (i)** read as follows:

(A) "The Senate, must, by majority vote, approve individually each allocation exceeding $10,000. These allocations must be presented to Senate at least one week before being voted on and it is recommended that they are presented in conjunction with the end-of-year report."

That, **Section III (B) (2) Finance Committee (b) Responsibilities** include the following: (vi) The committee recommends each year to Senate a change in the Student Activities Fee

That **Section III (B) (2) Finance Committee (d) Regulations** read as follows:

(i) The Finance Committee shall publish its *policies* online annually.

…

(iv) Submission of mid-year and end-of-year report

(A) The Finance Committee is required by the College to produce a mid-year and end-of-year report of its activities detailing the allocations and expenditures for each student organization. The mid-year report must include a non-binding recommendation to the Senate on the Student Activities Fee for the following academic year to be approved or altered by the Senate with a simple majority vote.

(B) A completed mid-year report must be submitted to the Associate Dean of Students for Student Activities no later than the last day of classes in winter term. The report will be reviewed for accuracy and approved by ODS. A failure to submit this report will result in all student organization budgets being frozen until the report is submitted.

(C) The mid-year and end-of-year report shall be made available for Senate review as early as possible, but no later than one week before they are voted on.

(D) The Treasurer shall consult the Senate on broad-based budgetary issues when the reports are presented.

(v) The Treasurer shall prepare monthly reports to Senate to be published online detailing new money requests granted along with rationales and new money requests to be reviewed.

That **Section III (B) (2) Finance Committee (e) Student Activities Fee increases** be removed in favor of a simpler process.

That **Section III (B) (3) Student Organization Oversight Committee (b) Membership (ii)** read as follows: "All committee members' terms expire upon graduation"

That **Section III (B) (3) Student Organization Oversight Committee (b) Membership (iii)** be removed in favor of the above change

That **Section III (B) (3) Student Organization Oversight Committee (b) Club Review (ii)** (A) read as follows:

(A) All student organizations will be reviewed after three years, on a rotating basis. Student organizations will be notified that they are up for review on or by the end of Week 4.

…

(E) "During winter term, no applications for new student organizations will be accepted except if allowed by the Director of Student Organizations as a special circumstance."

That **Section III (B) (6) Institutional Affairs Committee** be removed

That **Section III (B) (8) External Affairs Committee** be removed

That in **Section III** the following committees are added:

Student Health and Wellness Committee

(a) Description and Responsibilities

The Student Health and Wellness Committee shall consider and discuss matters related to student health, stress, well-being, and wellness issues within the student community. The committee shall also make proposals to the administration and trustees and work closely with the Office of Health and Wellness as well as have a representative on the Wellness Committee.

(b) Membership

(i) The Director of Student Health and Wellness shall chair the committee.

(ii) The Director of Student Health and Wellness and the Director of Membership shall jointly appoint members of the committee.

(iii) All committee members' terms expire at the end of the academic year.

Social Affairs Committee

(a) Description and responsibilities

The Social Affairs Committee shall consider and discuss matters related to social life within the student community. The committee shall also make proposals and work with the relevant administrative bodies to improve social life on campus for all students.

(b) Membership

(i) The Director of Social Affairs shall chair the committee.

(ii) The Director of Social Affairs and the Director of Membership shall jointly appoint members of the committee.

(iii) All committee members' terms expire at the end of the academic year.

That, **Section III (B) Cabinet Committees** will be listed to reflect the order established in Section II

That, in **Section III (B) Cabinet Committee** under **Publicity Committee, Student Educational Affairs Committee, Environmental Affairs Committee, Institutional Diversity Committee, Athletic Affairs Committee, Student Health and Wellness Committee, Social Affairs Committee part (c) Membership** shall include the following line: "A SGA Class Senator, excluding First-Year Senators, shall sit on this committee as the official liaison to the Senate. At least one Senator will be appointed to this committee by the SGA President by their first official Senate meeting."

That, **Section III** be properly re-lettered and re-numbered

That, **Section VII. Impeachment (A) Impeachment Committee** be removed for redundancy

That, **Section VII** be properly re-lettered and re-numbered

Vote Count

In favor:	President Toy, Senator Lantigua, Senator Cohen, Senator Pustejovsky, Senator Wilson, Senator Waddell, Senator Duran, Senator Fleischer, Senator Aaron, Senator Goldfield, Senator Hayes, Senator Ou, Senator Wright, Senator McCormick, Senator Andrews, Senator McCarthy, Co-Chair Sanderson
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

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